February—D.C. House Voting Rights bill passed in the Senate, but with a sweeping gun attachment, nullifying all D.C. gun laws, mandating no limits on assault weapons or other guns or on who may own them, and stripping D.C. officials of all home rule authority to enact gun safety legislation.

Memorial Day Recess—First official word that the House had failed to muster the votes to pass the voting rights bill without the gun attachment.

June—Informed of two alternatives: take an opening for Floor consideration or accept some delay to consider options.

Today—A proposal for passing the D.C. Voting Rights bill has been submitted to House and Senate leaders. With the option to proceed later with our bill, we owed it to the city, where gun violence is always a serious problem, at least to explore the alternatives before concluding that there is no way to save any part of the District’s gun safety authority. Stay tuned. Indefinite delay is not an option.
Stimulus Package Brings Extra Dollars to D.C. for Jobs and Economic Development

Norton Assures $1 Billion for D.C.—More than Seven Other States

The Congresswoman’s work to make sure that in every category D.C. was treated as a state paid off handsomely for the District, which did better in stimulus funds than seven other states. Every major D.C. government program was funded to prevent layoffs and assure services, with millions more for new initiatives.

An Additional $2 Billion
A D.C. Stimulus Bonus for Jobs and D.C. Economy from Subcommittee Chaired by Norton

- One-third of federal buildings stimulus funding coming to D.C., where federal presence is primarily located.
- Jobs for energy conservation and greening 22 federal buildings in the nation’s capital.

Also Personal Stimulus Benefits and Tax Breaks for You!

- An $8,000 homebuyer tax credit.
- 33 week extension of unemployment benefits, plus $25 weekly increase.
- A $250 one-time payment to retirees.
- $2,500 tax credit for college tuition and related expenses.
- A 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation of health insurance premiums for up to nine months for unemployed individuals and their families.
- Sales tax deduction for new cars.

For more benefits, visit www.norton.house.gov

DHS Jobs and Pre-Apprentice Training Coming

When
After contractors are selected later this year

How
Check GSA data base listing of all jobs
Apply at job site

Who’s Hiring
Hiring by construction contractors

Community Outreach
To Help D.C. Residents Get Jobs
General Services Administration

With her amendment for pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships, jurisdictions may qualify for funds to help residents become construction workers. As chair of a Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee, she got $125 million in highway construction stimulus funds for D.C. Shown here at a recent groundbreaking for the waterfront park at The Yards, a major development in the Capitol Riverfront M Street, SE area that resulted from a Norton bill.

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D.C. Quarters with Duke Ellington at His Piano in Circulation After Eight-Year Fight

- It’s here! Norton rolled out the D.C. coin, picturing native Washingtonian jazz great Duke Ellington, at the Smithsonian.
- First African American featured on a U.S. coin.
- Presented the first quarters to Ellington family members.
- Coin celebrated at events throughout D.C. during Ellington Week.

Norton Reaches Out for High-Profile Help on Legislative Focus on HIV/AIDS Prevention

The Congresswoman invited Chadrick Coleman, who has the virus, left, and WKYS radio personality “Big Tigger” to her press conference in the House to discuss her efforts to get more funds to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. She offers free HIV/AIDS testing at all her public events, including the upcoming job fair (see page 1). She has succeeded in eliminating an attachment prohibiting the exchange of infected needles for clean needles from the D.C. Appropriation bill, but the congressional refusal to allow this proven prevention was an important factor in driving up the HIV rate here.
During its economic crisis in the 1990s, D.C. asked the federal government to pay for detention of D.C. felons in federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and for parole supervision. With the change in congressional control, Norton has begun major changes in BOP treatment of D.C. inmates and overhaul of the U.S. Parole Commission.

### Changes Done
- Got D.C. inmates admitted to rigorous in-prison drug program for the first time.
- Got BOP to reduce search so new facility can be closer to D.C.
- First visits and inspections by a D.C. official to D.C. inmates in BOP facilities:
  - Female inmates at the Hazelton facility in West Virginia in March.
- Innovative Video Town Hall meetings between D.C. residents, families, and providers with inmates at Hazelton in May and Rivers last session.
- Recognition of female parolees during visit to a D.C. halfway house in March for Women’s History Month.

### Changes Underway
- Transform U.S. Parole Commission to meet the needs of D.C. inmates.
- Draw plan to convert existing federal prison for exclusive use by D.C. men and women.
- Provide a facility close to D.C. for a small group of children, who have been convicted as adults and sentenced to federal prisons.

### Big Changes Underway as Fulwood and Mitchell—Norton’s Law Enforcement Picks—Get Nods from the President for U.S. Parole Commission

Norton names 17 members to her Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission. Commission members screen candidates and send finalists to Norton, who sends her choices to the president.

### Members of the Commission
- Chair Pauline Schnieder, a former chair of the D.C. Bar and a partner with the law firm Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe
- Jon Bouker, partner, Arent Fox law firm
- Katherine Broderick, dean, David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia
- Francis D. Carter, partner, Zuckerman Spader LLP, member, executive committee, and Board of Governors, D.C. Bar
- Emilio W. Cividanes, partner Venable LLC
- Thomas R. Donahue, president emeritus, AFL-CIO
- Terence C. Golden, chair, Bailey Capital Corporation
- Dr. Charles Matthew Hudson, Jr., bishop, Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
- Emma Coleman Jordan, professor, Georgetown University Law Center
- Janet Murguia, president, National Council of LaRaza
- Johnnie Scott Rice, chair and founder, National Congress of Black Women, Metropolitan Chapter
- Daniel Solomon, president, founder and trustee, DC Vote, Naomi & Nehemiah Cohen Foundation
- Robert Spanoletti, partner, Schertler & Onorato, former DC Attorney General, and former president, D.C. Bar
- Thomas Williamson, partner, Covington & Burling LLT
- Beverly Perry, senior vice president, PEPCO
- Carrie L. Thornhill, member, DC Schools-to-Career/Youth Investment Council
- Judith Winston, former general counsel, U.S. Department of Education

### Norton Gets Senatorial Courtesy for U.S. Attorney, District Court Judge, and Other Federal Law Enforcement Offices

Norton, who asked President Bill Clinton to name Eric Holder the first African American U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia in 1993, is pictured here congratulating Holder after she testified at his confirmation hearing where he became the first African American Attorney General.

### National Bills that Matter to D.C. Moving!

- **Tobacco Regulation**—By federal Food and Drug Administration. *(Now law)*
- **First Federal Paid Parental Leave**—Four weeks paid parental leave after birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child. *(Passed in the House)*
- **Hate Crimes**—Adds sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability to federal hate crime legislation. *(Passed in the House)*

### What Do You Know About D.C.’s Power to Choose Federal Law Enforcement Officers?

1. Who was the first president to grant senatorial courtesy to choose the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and U.S. District Court judges in the District?
2. Who became the first woman U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia when Eric Holder was promoted to Deputy U.S. Attorney General?
3. How many U.S. District Court judges here has Norton recommended to President Clinton?

**ANSWERS:** 1. **Bill Clinton** 2. **Janet Murguia** 3. **9**
Four DCPS Students Among Nominees to Military Academies

Norton nominated her first student from McKinley Technology High School, three students from Wilson High, and two other candidates, who were accepted into the academies. Pictured here are: Capt. James N. Rimensnyder, Wilson, Class 1999, West Point, Class 2004; Garrett Connell, Wilson, West Point candidate; Anthony Bertram Clay, McKinley, Naval Academy Preparatory School candidate; Michaela Noel Bilotta, Georgetown Visitation, Naval Academy candidate; Congresswoman Norton; Esmeralda Arce, Wilson, U.S. Marine Merchant Academy candidate; Langston Davis Clarke, Wilson, West Point candidate; Cmdr. Kerwin E. Miller, USN (Ret.), Naval Academy, Class, 1975, chair, Norton’s Service Academy Selection Board.

Norton Hearing Assures Army Corps Won’t Leave Spring Valley Clean-Up Until Congress Says So

After the Corps told Spring Valley residents, but not Congress, it would conclude work to clean chemical weapons and unexploded ordinances in Spring Valley in two years, Norton responded with a hearing in June.

Hearing featuring testimony from community leaders, federal and District officials, an expert witness, the Army, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Accounting Office, and the D.C. Department of the Environment.

Rejects necessity to classify long-outdated WWI weapons as an excuse to avoid full disclosure. Gets Corps promise to seek declassification.

Cites record showing that the Corps left and had to return twice when additional weapons were uncovered.

Working with the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia to secure an independent evaluation following forthcoming Army Corps report on findings, with public comment.

Gets commitment from Army and Army Corps to maintain continuing presence in Spring Valley.

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JULY
7/ 9 Safeway 401 M Street, SW
7/14 Sarah’s Circle (Senior Center) 2551 17th Street, NW
7/16 Job Fair (See details on front page)
7/21 Safeway 322 40th Street, NE
7/23 Giant 1535 Alabama Ave., SE
7/28 Philip T. Johnson Senior Center 3440 Minnesota Ave., SE
7/30 Safeway 3830 Georgia Ave., NW

AUGUST
8/4 First Baptist Senior Center 715 Randolph Street, NW
8/6 Safeway Store 415 14th Street, SE
8/11 Downtown Cluster on Aging 2700 Jasper Street, SE
8/13 Giant supermarket 1345 Park Road, NW
8/20 Safeway Store-490 L Street, NW
8/25 Franklin One Stop Career Center 1500 Franklin Street, NE
8/27 Safeway Store 6500 Piney Branch Road, NW

SEPTEMBER
9/3 Safeway 1800 20th Street, NW
9/10 Giant Supermarket 3336 Wisconsin Ave., NW
9/12-13 Black Family Reunion
9/17 Joint Utility Discount Day Office of People’s Council 10 am – 12:30 pm
9/27 Fiesta DC
TBA H Street Festival

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